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PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capule	10	1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capule	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capule	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capule (Old Bottled)	18	1.50

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
SHERRIES.		
A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capule	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capule	10	1.00
C. Superior Old Dry, Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capule	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capule	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capule (Old Bottled)	14	1.25

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
CLARETS.		
A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capule	4	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red Capule	4.50	0.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capule	7	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capule	11	1.10

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.
 FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS, IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
BRANDY.		
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capule	13	1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capule	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capule	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capule	30	2.50

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
SCOTCH WHISKY.		
A. Thorne's Blend, White Capule	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C. Watson's Aboulo-Glenorchy, Red Capule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capule	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capule	12	1.10

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
IRISH WHISKY.		
A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capule	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capule	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capule	12	1.10
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, with old, Red Capule, with Name	10	1.00

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
GIN.		
A. Fife Old Tom, White Capule	4.50	0.40
B. Fife Unswetened, White Capule	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.25	0.50

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
RUM.		
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capule	12	1.00
Good Leonard Island, \$1.50 per Gallon		

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
LIQUEURS.		
Benedictine Maraschino		
Curacao Hearing's Cherry Cordial		
Chartreuse Dr. Slegert's Angostura		
Cherry, &c.		

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
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BIRTHS.
 At the Twin Parades, Soochow, on the 9th May the wife of the Rev. HAMPDEN C. DU BOIS, of a son.
 At Sir Eker, Amoy, on the morning of the 8th instant, the wife of Captain J. FARROW, of a son.

MARRIAGE.
 On the 10th May, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at the Collegiate Church of St. John, Jersey, by the Rev. F. L. HAWES, P.O. D.D., GEORGE ALFRED RAPER to ELEANOR MARY SKIDMORE.

DEATH.
 On the 10th instant, at the Kiangnan Arsenal, Shanghai, EMILY, wife of Mr. FERGUSON, ex-Secretary of the Chinese Legation, London.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 16 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

AFRICA.
 LONDON, May 15th.
 Mr. Johnston, the Commissioner of Nyassa-land, reports the entire pacification of the Shire and Nyassa districts.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE.
 It is expected that the International silver conference will meet in July next.

THE COTTON STRIKE.
 May 6th.
 The Lancashire cotton strike has been settled.

THE PREMIER ON IRISH HOME RULE.
 May 7th.
 The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at a meeting of the Primrose League, urged the paramount importance of the Irish question, and maintained that Parliament has no right to sell Ulster into slavery. Home Rule, he said, was not a message of peace, but meant civil and religious war.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)
SUDDEN DEATH OF A GERMAN CONSUL.
 NAGASAKI, May 10th, 8.30 a.m.
 Herr F. von Zander, the Consul for Germany, has died suddenly from heart disease.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.)
THE "MARIE" ABANDONED.
 CHEFOO, May 13th, 11 a.m.
 Owing to the fearful odds that the salvage party, working at the wreck of the sunken German steamer Marie, had to contend against, it has been decided to abandon further attempts at raising her.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
 The French gunboat *Inconstant* left Shanghai for Nagasaki on the 8th inst.

The Chinese Customs cruiser *Ling-feng* arrived at Shanghai from Ichang on Saturday the 7th inst.

The U. S. S. *Petrel* and the Russian gunboat *Manchou* left Shanghai for the Yangtze ports on May 6th.

ONE million and a half cases of kerosene oil are now on their way from New York in sailing ships, to Hongkong.

H.M.S. *Albatross*, with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle on board, arrived at Amoy from Swatow last Wednesday evening.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended May 15th, are—Europeans, 263; Chinese, 1,478; total 1,741.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 25th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dowell, Cavill & Co.) that the "Shire" line steamer *Glamorgan* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 21st inst.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The Amoy Amateur Dramatic Society gave a very successful representation of Gilbert's "Sweethearts" and the burlesque "Patient Penelope" at the Club Theatre, Kulangsu, on the night of the 9th inst.

It may interest masters of vessels bound north to know that, according to a notice posted by the Harbour-master in the Harbour Office, the exact position of the wreck of the steamer *Peking* is—Gutierrez Lightship bearing N.W. & V. and Elliot Rock N.E. & E.

At the preliminary trial in Tokyo the other day of Counts Itagaki and Okuma, and others, on an alleged charge of violating the Japanese law governing elections and political societies, a verdict of acquittal was returned. The Government Prosecutor has lodged an appeal.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary remarks that shareholders in the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, Ltd., will be glad to know that official news has been received from Shanghai from the head office, to the effect that it is not the intention of the Directors to make any farther call on the shares.

In going down the Shanghai river on the 9th inst. the U.S.S. *Monocacy* collided with the Russian gunboat *Manchou*, carrying away the latter's jibboom. The *Monocacy's* port paddle-box was partially smashed and one of her boat falls was carried away. Accident attributed to the strong wind blowing.

The German gunboat *Wolf*, with her crew homeward bound, left Shanghai for this port on the 10th inst. The *Wolf* will be relieved on this station by either the *Eber* or *Kaiser Adler*, expected to arrive in the autumn. The *Wolf's* crew will go home in the German mail steamer *Darmstadt*, which is bringing our her relief.

CAPTAIN STONHAM, late master of the Straits-owned steamship *Singapore*, arrived here from the sister colony on board the "Apsara" liner *Japan* to-day to take over command of the Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Chongfa* from Capt. F. W. Phillips, her present commander, who goes home shortly on a well-earned six months' leave of absence.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary hears that Count d'Arroux, late acting Commissioner of Customs at Ichang, has received a good appointment at Constantinople, and will not return to China. Monsieur d'Arroux was a keen sportsman and took a great interest in racing. Some years ago he was a very fair race-riding, and deservedly popular with all who knew him.

So great has become the demand for passenger accommodation in the now famous Canadian Pacific *Empress* liners that passengers have to book weeks in advance of sailing dates, and even then it frequently happens that "live freight" has to be sent out at Yokohama and Vancouver. The last outward bound *Empress* first-class passenger accommodation was taken to its utmost, many saloon passengers being obliged to be quartered in the second cabin.

The German gunboat went into the Old Dock at Shanghai on the 15th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gwalior* left Kobe for this port at daylight to-day.

The Rev. G. Reusch has been appointed a member of the local Board of Examiners, vice the Rev. F. Hartmann, who has left the colony.

The Russian steamer *Saratov*, from Nagasaki, passed Chikiang on the 10th May, bound for Hankow, to load new season tea for Odessa.

The appointment of Mr. C. V. Ladd to be in charge of the Vaccine Institute under the supervision of the Colonial Surgeon is gazetted.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Saghalien*, with the next French mail, left Saigon for this port at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Choyang*, from Shanghai, which arrived this morning, reports that she passed the steamers *Kwang-ki* and *Chiao* off Hsueh, bound north.

In addition to the *Diamonds* and *Ashington* the Japanese are stated to have purchased the German steamer *Polyhymnia*, and are in treaty for Messrs. Siemens & Co.'s well-known coaster *Amy*.

The *Shanghai Mercury* was informed by a reliable authority that there need be no apprehensions of trouble arising in Chikiang from the great festival which takes place there to-morrow.

We observe that Professor Victor Valzide, of Woodbury's Circus, was to make a balloon ascent from the lawn behind the Club at Kulangsu (Amoy) on Friday last, weather permitting.

The new Japanese belted cruiser *Ushikuma Kan*, which left here for Kobe on Saturday was passed by the *Argosy*, Captain Tom, yesterday off Oakes Island, in company with the P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Erinditi*.

The "Blue Funnel" steamer *Priam* left Shanghai, to load new season's tea at Hankow, on the 10th inst. According to the N. C. Daily News, the *Moynai*, *Priam*, *Benlawers*, and *Pemselchir* are apparently the only steamers loading tea at Hankow for London this season.

The *Shanghai Mercury* understands that in Wenchow the tea crop has greatly fallen off and the price of the commodity has correspondingly risen. Tea, best quality, which ordinarily sold for \$50 a box now fetches \$80. The inferior article commands as much as \$50. Only some-thing over 400 boxes have been exported, a cold spring having checked the production of the leaf.

By latest advice from the Yangtze ports, the China Mutual Navigation Co.'s steamer *Moynai* and the British gunboat *Swift* were at Hankow; the *Redpole* at Wuhu, the *Pilgrim* at Chikiang, and the French gunboat *Lion* at Kinkiang. The Russian steamer *Saratov* and the Ocean Co.'s steamer *Priam* were passed at Sanhsan, bound for Hankow. A strong N.E. gale blew during the night of the 8th inst. at Hankow.

The steamer *Tungchow* left Shanghai on the 10th inst. to proceed to the assistance of the *Newchwang*, which broke her crank shaft when she was 155 miles north of Shanghai, and picked up the disabled vessel at 3.15 a.m. on the 11th. The *Tungchow* got a hawser on board and towed the *Newchwang* to Shanghai, arriving there at 5.30 a.m. on the 12th. The *Newchwang* has gone into the New Dock for requisite repairs.

The steamer *Choyang*, from Hongkong to Shanghai, on arriving at the latter port on the 8th inst., reported having "passed the sunken wreck of a steamer lying right in the track of ships, from Bonham to Tungchow, with only two masts visible above water, and a water breaker hoisted on the foremast; no funnel or yard visible. Approximate position of wreck—Lat. 30 deg. 40' N., Long. 123 deg. 20' E." This was double the wreck of the German steamer *Peking*, which was run down and sunk by the China Merchants Co.'s steamer *Fushun* on May 6th.

TOM Cannon, the famous English jockey, having expressed surprise at the speed and stamina displayed by China ponies under heavy weights, and especially at the little difference extra weight makes to them in a race, Capt. Jones, of the "Glen" liner *Glenhale*, who is a personal friend of the jockey, has taken a specimen of the Mongolian race, so that Cannon can judge for himself. The pony selected is Kob-lor, a subscription gift that ran at the recent Shanghai meeting in the orange and blue jacket of Mr. Reid and won the Tait Stakes six furlongs, in 2 min. 36 secs., finished a good second to Osprey in the Mongolian Cup, a mile and a quarter, which was won in 4 min. 48 secs., and won the Shantung Stakes, one mile, carrying 11st. 8 lbs., in 2 min. 36 secs. Kob-lor is a brown, and measures 13 hands 1 inch.

The Chikiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date May 11th:—The rain which has fallen here this past week has done a deal of good throughout the surrounding country, and the coming crops of wheat and barley already promise to be above the average. The extra tax which the Chinese officials intended levying upon all goods under transit passes, going to and arriving from the interior, owing to the stern opposition it met with from the native merchants, was cancelled on the 9th inst. Since then a large business in transit passes has been done both in foreign and native goods. Everything remains quiet and the sentry-boxes for the Chinese "braves" are still left in the Settlements. Landing parties of "blue jackets" and "pinkies" occasionally land for drill from H.M.S. *Pilgrim*, and no doubt would give a good account of themselves should their services be required. We were glad to see one of Uncle Sam's war vessels here again—the *Petrel*, and I do not anticipate any trouble on the occasion of the forthcoming festival so long as we have a few foreign men-of-war in port.

We would direct the attention of those particularly interested in the Transit Pass question in Kwangtung and Kwang-shi to a letter from the Chikiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* published elsewhere in this issue. The extra tax which the Chinese officials intended levying upon all goods under transit passes, going to and arriving from the interior, owing to the stern opposition it met with from the native merchants, was cancelled on the 9th inst. Why do not the merchants of Canton organize a determined opposition to the extra taxes and other high-handed proceedings imposed for alleged *Edin* and *Chikang* duties on goods imported into the two Kwang provinces? The extra tax which the Chinese officials intended levying upon all goods under transit passes, going to and arriving from the interior, owing to the stern opposition it met with from the native merchants, was cancelled on the 9th inst. Why do not the merchants of Canton organize a determined opposition to the extra taxes and other high-handed proceedings imposed for alleged *Edin* and *Chikang* duties on goods imported into the two Kwang provinces? The extra tax which the Chinese officials intended levying upon all goods under transit passes, going to and arriving from the interior, owing to the stern opposition it met with from the native merchants, was cancelled on the 9th inst. Why do not the merchants of Canton organize a determined opposition to the extra taxes and other high-handed proceedings imposed for alleged *Edin* and *Chikang* duties on goods imported into the two Kwang provinces?

ALL engineers in the Colony are reminded of the social meeting to-night at the Association rooms on the Praya.

OWING to exceptional demands on our news columns, a report of the Shanghai races, and a lot of other interesting matter have been "crowded out."

The *Strait Times* says that a large part of the mining of the Pabang Corporation has been stopped, the Chinese coolies being afraid to work, owing to some of them having been murdered and others shot at.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, Capt. G. A. Lee, from Vancouver, left Shanghai this afternoon, and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong about 6 p.m. on the 18th inst.

The Chinese who were arrested on board the Douglas Co's steamer *Namoa* last Thursday with 100 lbs. of dynamite in his possession, was brought up at the Police Court this morning, both magistrates sitting, and fined \$50.

GOVERNOR ROBINSON has directed that the anniversary of the Queen's Birthday be celebrated in Hongkong on Friday, May 27th, which day, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, will be a public holiday.

As H.M.S. *Hyacinth* and *Rattler* arrived at Singapore from Pabang on the 9th inst, we suppose the so-called "Pabang Rising" is on the eve of collapse. The *Rattler* was under orders to leave Singapore on the 12th inst. for Hongkong.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize provisionally, pending the arrival of the exequatory of the Queen, Messrs. J. H. Heemskerk and F. H. Slaghek, as Consul and Vice-Consul respectively for Belgium in this colony.

The alleged poisoning of British troops in this colony, reported in our issue of Saturday, is entirely without foundation. Our reporter would appear to have been made the victim of a cruel hoax, which cynically reflects but little credit on the would-be jokers. However, we are investigating the matter and in the meantime hold over some correspondence received on the subject.

The new machinery of the Rutch Company lies still at Singapore, except the winding gear, which lies at the bottom of the river. The Governor of the Straits, according to the *Strait Times*, is apparently unable to guarantee safe passage up the Pabang rivers for the machinery now lying in Singapore, but he presumably expects that the new activity of the Sultan of Pabang will enable that to be done some time.

FRESH troubles are threatening from Chungking, the sale of anti-foreign literature continuing and a crusade against foreigners is being generally preached. Attempts have been made by issuing placards to stir up the people, and the missionaries at Chungking have been turned out of their houses and threatened with extreme measures if they do not leave the place. Taken altogether matters in the part of the country wear a most unfavorable aspect.

LUKONG No. 122 was charged at the Magistrate by Mr. H. E. Woodhouse this morning with brutally ill-treating several chair-coolies for some time past. He was charged with intent to levy blackmail on them and on their guild. The Police prosecuted and defendant was undefended. After hearing formal evidence of the charge, the case was remanded until Thursday, and being allowed a surety for \$200, we understand that this prosecution has been undertaken at the instance of Mr. Kaw Hong Tak, J.P., on representations made to the Police Authorities as to the cruelties generally practised towards chair and ricksha coolies by many of the Chinese *lukongs* for the purpose of "squeezing."

Says the N. C. Daily News:—"Much scandal has been caused at Hankow and Ichang, lately so, by the recent proceedings of a China Inland Missionary. He despatched nine girls just arrived from home in a junk from Hankow to Ichang, without any escort, while he and his wife went by steamer. On their arrival at Ichang he sent them on, with his wife, ten women in all, by the same junk, to Chungking, crowding them still further by putting their teachers, men of very doubtful character, in the same junk, while there is no foreign man with them at all. We cannot but think that in such a case the Council would be perfectly right in not allowing them to proceed without a proper escort, seeing what the temper of the people is and how utterly helpless those ten women must be under the circumstances." In a later issue our contemporary adds—"We regret that we were misinformed as to the recent scandal on the Upper Yangtze. The persons concerned in the despatch of ten lady missionaries to Chungking in a junk unescorted, are not, we learn, members of any recognised Missionary Society."

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
 (Before Mr. Filding Clarke, Acting Chief Justice.)
 May 16th.

CHOY CHU P. NO KAM CHUNG AND YUNG-YUN SAL.

Mr. Wilkinson, who appeared for the plaintiff, stated this was a claim for \$750.28 due from the defendants on their bond. The signatures by which the bond was executed were admitted. The bond, which was dated 29th July, 1891, was given to secure the payment of \$750.28 for which his client had obtained judgment against Gordon & Co. Execution was stayed for three weeks provided security was found for the judgment and costs, therefore this bond was executed by the defendants, the bond having been drawn from the defendant's solicitor. A sum of \$254.98 had been paid, not by the defendants but by the original debtors, Gordon & Co., and that left \$495.30, including interest, still due.

Mr. Phillips, who appeared for the defence, instructed by Mr. H. J. Holmes, admitted the facts as stated by Mr. Wilkinson. The defence was purely a legal one and the sureties said they were discharged by the act of the plaintiff in accepting a composition of 25 per cent from the liquidator of Gordon and Co. A step which was taken without consulting the sureties.

Alexander G. Gordon, liquidator of Gordon and Co., gave evidence of having paid 25 per cent of the plaintiff's claim for which judgment had been given against the Company. He handed in a receipt from the plaintiff, and stated that the payment was made as a part of the composition to the creditors of the Company.

Mr. Phillips maintained that as the plaintiff had gone behind the back of the sureties in receiving this money from the principal they were discharged.

His lordship held that the sum of \$254.98 simply went to reduce the debt without interfering with the responsibility of the defendants, and accordingly gave judgment with costs in favour of the plaintiff.

NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL.

A Court-Martial was held this morning on board the *Victor Emmanuel*. Capt. Castle, of the *Leander*, presided, assisted by Comd. Goodrich, *Victor Emmanuel*, Lt. Comr. Ingram, *Peacock*, Lt. Comr. T. Inell, *Pirbright*, Lt. Page, *Victor Emmanuel*, and the Commodore's Secretary, as judge-advocate.

Mr. William Hayes, surgeon of the *Porpoise*, was charged with intoxication on board that ship, on the 10th inst., in Hongkong harbour.

H. F. Alpin, first lieutenant, stated that the prisoner was ashore on the afternoon of the day named, and returned on board about six o'clock. As he was going to his cabin witness noticed that prisoner could not walk straight, and found that he was drunk. On being accused prisoner denied it, and witness sent him below under arrest.

Dr. Hayes admitted the offence, and referred to his good character since he joined the service. He produced testimonials from his former commanders—*Royal Adelaide*, 1884; *Himalaya*, 1885; *Cordelia*, 1886; *Himalaya*, 1890; *Victor Emmanuel*, 1891 and *Porpoise*, 1891. All stated that he served efficiently and steadily, and no fault was recorded against him. Prisoner had been a total abstainer for a long time.

After the Court had been cleared, closed, and reopened a number of times, the following finding was delivered:—

"The prisoner having pleaded guilty, the Court considers that the charge has been proved, and sentences the prisoner to be deprived of all seniority, and to be dismissed the Service."

This concluded the proceedings.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., Governor; Mr. G. M. O'Brien, Colonial Secretary; Mr. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General; Mr. E. H. Cooper, Director of Public Works; Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Registrar-General; Mr. F. H. May, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Comr. R. Murray Rumsey, Harbour Master; Messrs. T. H. Whitehead, C. P. Chater, E. R. Bellios, and Ho Kai.

THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table copies of financial minutes in which the Governor recommended payment of \$1981 for repairs to health officers' steam launch and \$2,000 drawback and refund of revenue. These were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee's report No. 6, approving the vote of \$130 for the purchase of a new boat for the Swatow Post Office, and \$1,500 for new quarters for the staff of the Government Civil Hospital, was adopted.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Supreme Court returns for 1891, and submitted a statement from the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation department. Contracts had been made, and now required ratification, for 1892, involving a total expenditure of \$3,400. The figure for 1893 was \$4,550. There was no doubt of the desirability of these works, and he moved that the contracts be passed.

The Attorney-General seconded the motion, which was adopted.

THE PRAYA FRONTAGE.

In accordance with notice given Mr. Whitehead asked:—Will the Government publish in the Government *Gazette* or lay on the table a list of the wharves, public and private, in respect of which a sum of \$180,000 was added by the Government to the cost of the Praya Reclamation, as appears from the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 10th February, 1891, to the Hon. C. P. Chater, and state the amount of compensation assessed in respect of each?

The Colonial Secretary replied that he could not undertake to fulfil this request. The rules of the house would not allow him to say more in answer to a question, but if the hon. member would make a motion he would go into the question fully.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice of motion accordingly.

PRAYA RECLAMATION BILL.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill referring to the compensation to be given to owners of wharves affected by the Praya Reclamation. As the Council would, he understood, sit only once more this Session, he explained the Bill now instead of at second reading. The Council had in 1889 voted \$180,000 in compensation, merely to pay part cost of removing wharves and piers further out, not to recomp for consequential damages; now some of the wharves had already been blocked, and the owners naturally wanted payment as an indemnity. It was not possible to ascertain what portion each one should have until every one could be

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—108 per cent. prem., sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on 5.0.0. paid up, 24 per cent. dis., sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, 2000 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—24 per share, sales and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, 25 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—88 per share, buyers.

China Trade Insurance Company—89 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 240 per share, ex. div., sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—97 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, sales.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—270 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—82 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—834 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—27 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—836 per share, buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$77 per share, buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$141 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$40 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

The Shamshin Hotel Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.

Fanjoon and Sanglee Diao Samanlian Mining Co., Ltd.—80 cents per share, sellers.

The Raab Gold Mining Co., Limited—45 cents per share, sellers.

Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$1.50 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.

Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—\$190 per share, sales and sellers.

The Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—87 per share, buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—10 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—22 cents, sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$135 per share, sales and sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$30 per share, sales and sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$161 per share, sales and buyers.

Cruickbank & Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$51 per share, buyers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.

The Labak Planting Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$51 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$98 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$220 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$70 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

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The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$38 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/9 3/4

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Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10 3/4

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On India, T. T. 220 1/2

On Demand 220 1/2

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Bank, T. T. 72 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2

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Shipping.

CHAMBER, American ship, 1795, T. W. Holmes, 14th May, New York 10th Nov, Kerosene Oil, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TEKATOK, German steamer, 1570, W. Breitung, 15th May, Saigon 10th May, Rice, Siemens & Co.

HALOON, British steamer, 783, T. P. Hall, 21st May, Tamsui 12th May, Amoy 13th May, and Swatow 13th May, General, D. Lapin & Co.

MAKAO, British steamer, 2018, P. W. Case, 12th May, Shanghai 12th May, General, P. & O. S. N. Co.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 255, H. Hygom, 15th May, Halphong 13th May, General, A. R. Mury.

CONTINENTAL, Dutch steamer, 671, C. Schall, 15th May, Canton 15th May, General, Wier & Co.

PHRA NANO, British steamer, 1021, W. Watton, 15th May, Canton 15th May, General, Butterfield & Swire.

TAIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J. Bruhn, 16th May, Pakhoi, and Holbow 14th May, General, Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

POLYHIMMA, German steamer, 1050, L. Volt, 16th May, Kobe 18th May, General, Siemens & Co.

TAI-VICK, German steamer, 903, N. Embe, 16th May, Newchwang, and Chefoo 11th May, General, Meyer & Co.

WUOTAN, German steamer, 1016, A. Ott, 16th May, Saigon 11th May, Rice, Wier & Co.

CHOW-SANG, British steamer, 1194, R. C. Schall, 16th May, Shanghai 12th May, and Swatow 15th, General, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HSIN-SHING, Chinese steamer, 855, Geo. Buchanan, 16th May, Shanghai 13th May, General, C. M. S. N. Co.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 884, Fauran, 16th May, Haiphong 13th May, and Holbow 15th, General, Messageries Maritimes.

ZAVIRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. E. Cobban, 16th May, Manila 13th May, General, Shaw & Co.

LY-KI-MOON, German steamer, 1258, G. Heumann, 16th May, Shanghai 13th May, General, Siemens & Co.

ARDGAY, British steamer, 1030, J. Thom, 16th May, Wuhu 11th May, Rice, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ASK, Danish steamer, 682, Reysbeck, 16th May, Halphong 15th May, General, and Fig. A. R. Mury.

JAPAN, British steamer, 1865, A. G. Hamilton, 16th May, Calcutta 30th April, and Singapore 10th May, Opium and General, D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.

HANGHONG, British steamer, 999, J. D. C. Arthur, 16th May, Wuhu 11th May, Rice and General, Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Polyhymna, British steamer, for Singapore.

Yung-ping, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, & Canton.

Taiyang, British steamer, for Swatow, & Yikang, British steamer, for Amoy, & Canton.

DEPARTURES.

May 14, Benlawer, British str., for Hankow.

May 14, Lo So, British str., for Singapore.

May 14, Isukurima Kan, Japanese steamer, for Kobe.

May 15, Thales, British str., for Swatow, & Amoy.

May 15, Benalder, British steamer, for Saigon.

May 15, Chow-chow, German steamer, for Amoy.

May 15, Pooting, British steamer, for Shanghai, & Canton.

May 15, Clere, British steamer, for Saigon.

May 15, Derwanga, British str., for Bangkok.

May 15, Sea Swallow, British schooner, for Keelung.

May 15, Syphaden, Norwegian schooner, for Tamsui.

May 15, Choyang, British str., for Canton.

May 15, Yikang, British str., for Shanghai, & Canton.

May 15, Yung-ping, Chinese str., for Shanghai, and Tientsin.

May 16, Taiyang, British str., for Swatow, & Canton.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.

Per Malacca, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Joseph and infant, Messrs. Burton and Cheng Lung, from Amoy, 69 Chinese.

Per Hongkong, str., from London, Dr. Mr. Tricker, for London via Massilia, Dr. Mr. Minault, for London via Massilia, Ormerod and Vidal, from Amoy for Singapore—283 Chinese.

Per Penang—65 Chinese.

Per Tientsin, str., from Saigon—28 Chinese.

Per Wutan, str., from Saigon—10 Chinese.

Per Polyhymna, str., from Kobe—Mr. Apr. Per Halphong, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Mrs. Mrs. and Miss Hobson, and 18 Chinese.

Per Choyang, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong—55 Chinese.

Per Hongkong, str., from Swatow—Mrs. and Miss, and several Chinese.

Per Halphong, str., from Halphong for Hongkong—10 Chinese.

Per Canton, str., from Canton—Chinese.

From Halphong for Yokohama—Mrs. Nass Takatani, and Mr. Minault—For Massilia.

Messrs. Huteau and de Perpe.

Per Hsin-shing, str., from Shanghai—7 Chinese.

Per Zafro, str., from Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, and servant, Messrs. Santos, Sharp, and 301 Chinese.

Per Ask, str., from Holbow—10 Chinese.

Per Zafro, str., from Calcutta, &c.—Lieut. W. A. Paterson, Captain Stoneham, Messrs. J. Grant, Wright, G. J. Gazal, 4 Europeans, 436 Chinese, 15 women, and 20 children.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Malacca reports that she left Shanghai on the 11th instant. Had fine weather.

The Chinese steamship Hsin-shing reports that she left Shanghai on the 13th instant. Had fresh north-east breeze and fine clear weather.

The British steamship Yafan reports that she left Calcutta on the 10th ultimo, and Singapore on the 10th instant. Experienced light southerly winds and calms to lat. 90 north, thence till arrival had fresh north-east breeze and hazy weather.

The British steamship Zafro reports that she left Manila on the 13th instant. Had light south-west winds, veering north to north-east and fine weather to Pratas Shoal, thence to port had fresh to moderate north-east winds, and thick hazy weather with occasional showers.

The British steamship Arday reports that she left Wuhu on the 11th instant. From Tong-sha lightship to Ocksen Island had moderate north-east winds and fine weather; thence to port had strong wind and following sea. On the 15th instant passed one Japanese man-of-war and a P. & O. mail steamer off Ocksen Island.

The British steamship Halphong reports that she left Tamsui on the 12th instant. Amoy on the 13th and Swatow on the 14th. From Tamsui to Amoy, and Swatow had strong north-east wind and high following sea with cloudy weather. From Swatow to port had moderate easterly winds and cloudy but fine weather. In Tamsui the steamships Wotang and Fushiki Kian, Yung-ching, and Hiroshima Maru.

The British steamship Choyang reports that she left Shanghai on the 12th instant at 11.24 a.m. On leaving Shanghai had light southerly winds and calms, with fine clear weather, but cloudy, dull and overcast, with light north-east wind at intervals. Off Namk, islands light north-easterly wind. On the 13th passed the steamship Kwanglo off Heashe, bound north. On the same date passed the steamship Chyfo, bound north. OR Turnabout had fresh north-east and north-north-east breeze with moderate sea and clear weather, but overcast and cloudy, which weather continued until arrival at Swatow. Arrived at Swatow on the 15th at 5.30 a.m. In Swatow the steamships Nankin and Hakohu, both Swatow on the 15th at 2.30 p.m. for Hongkong. Had fresh easterly wind to port, with moderate sea, and overcast, cloudy weather. Approaching Hongkong very thick weather and misty rain. Arrived here this morning at 6.30 a.m.

The Danish steamship Ask reports that she left Holbow on the 15th instant. Had strong wind from east-north-east with rain.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Singapore and Mauritius—Per Independent to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui—Per Halphong to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe—Per Caturhan to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and Bombay—Per Tihnan on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, India, Madras, and Mauritius—Per Melbourne on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Singapore—Per Polyhymna on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila—Per Zafro on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco—Per Gaelic on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 6.30 P.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per Bayern on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 5 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STRAIMERS.

BENGLOE, British steamer, 1183, R. Farquhar, 13th May, Saigon 8th May, Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1400, H. Kleis, 13th May, Singapore 6th May, Sugar and Wood—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1110, T. Sellar, 10th May, Canton 10th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CATTERTHUR, British steamer, 1406, Neil Shannon, 9th May, Sydney 15th April, Morion Bay 17th, Townsville 20th, Cooktown 21st, Thursday Island 23rd, and Port Darwin 26th, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CROVA, British steamer, 1057, F. W. Phillips, 13th May, Bangkok 7th May, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DECIAM, German steamer, 605, C. Christensen, 11th May, Saigon 7th May, Paddy—Siemens & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, Hongkong Government tender.

GALIC, British steamer, 4200, Pearce, 10th May, San Francisco 10th April, and Yokohama 5th May, Mails and General—O. & S. Co.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 1125, Schall, 7th May, Halphong 5th May, Ballast—Wier & Co.

MIKE MARI, Japanese steamer, 2053, J. B. MacMillan, 13th May, Nagasaki 9th May, Coal—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

PERBOKSHIRE, British steamer, 3000, Gedy, 13th May, Saigon 7th May, Rice—Choy Chow.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

POLYHIMMA, British steamer, 1050, W. Lee, 14th May, Kobe, and Moji 10th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

RIO, German steamer, 1008, F. P. Ulders, 8th May, Saigon 4th May, Paddy and Rice—Wier & Co.

TAIANG, British steamer, 1505, H. Hogg, 14th May, Canton 14th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TEHERAN, British steamer, 1681, C. H. J. Toque, 8th May, Bombay 20th April, and Singapore 1st May, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

TORRINGTON, British steamer, 1563, Geo. R. Berwick, and Feb., Hamburg, 2nd Touron 31st January, Coal and General—Dodwell, Carrill & Co.

VELOX, German steamer, 377, H. Johansen, 9th May, Holbow 8th May, General—Wier & Co.

VIKAS, British steamer, 887, T. R. Galsworthy, 11th May, Manila 8th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ZAMBERI, British steamer, 1650, Edwards, 8th May, Victoria, B.C., via Honolulu and April, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German brig, 865, Westergaard, 28th April, Hamburg 17th Dec, General—Arnold, Karben & Co.

EDWARD MAY, American brig, 890, Chas. C. M. Cline, 4th May, Honolulu 2nd April, Ballast—D. Lapin & Co.

ERIKONTO, Chinese bark, 457, Optum Examination, built, Stonecutter's Island—Chinese Customs.

JOHN MCLEOD, British ship, 1595, Henderson, 4th May, New York 28th Dec, Ballast—D. Lapin & Co.

J. WESLEY, German bark, 220, G. Schneider, 17th March, Jalut Marins Islands via Yap 3rd Feb, General—Siemens & Co.

KRISTINA NILSON, German brig, 220, C. G. Boyesen, 26th April, Amoy 20th April, Ballast—Wier & Co.

OMKIA, British bark, 780, W. Brown, 8th May, Calcutta 27th March, General—Order.

PENSHAW, British bark, 775, Inokuy, 7th May, Saigon 20th April, Coal—Order.

WANDERING JEW, American ship, 1550, D. C. Nichols, 12th May, New York 12 Dec, Kerosene Oil—Order.

WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1908, R. B. Brown, 16th March, New York 10th Oct, Kerosene Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WM. J. ROTCH, American ship, 1665, Geo. L. Bray, 28th April, San Francisco 7th March, Ballast—Order.

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